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EUR/CE JOHN WARD

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SUBJECT: GERMAN MARSHALL FUND VISIT TO EAST BERLIN

1. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECEIATE IT IF EUR/CE (WARD) COULD PASS ON FOLLOWING TO LIVINGSTON OF MARSHALL PLAN FUND.
2. WMBOFF MET WITH DRUDE OF GDR MFA MAY 16 TO DSICUSS DETAILS OF GERMAN MARSHALL FUND VISIT TO EAST BERLIN PLANNED FOR JUNE 5. DRUDE REPORTED GDR WILLINGNESS TO ARRANGE A PROGRAM FOR THE GROUP BEGINNING AT 13:00 WITH A BUS TOUR OF EAST BERLIN DOWNTOWN AND RESIDENTIAL AREAS FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSION IN THE RESTAURANT OF THE GDR TELEVISION TOWER ON ALEXANDERPLATZ AT 14:30. AT 15:40 THE GDR WILL PROVIDE A TOUR OF THE PERGAMON MUSEUM.
3. ACCOMPANYING THE GROUP THROUGHOUT THE VISIT WILL BE THE CHIEF ARCHITECT OF EAST BERLIN ALONG WITH A REPRESENTATIVE FROM "BERLIN INFORMATION." DRUDE SAID AN MFA REPRESENTATIVE WOULD ALSO GO ALONG, MOST LIKELY DR. HANS MARTIN GEYER, HEAD OF THE US, CANADA, JAPAN SECTION OF THE MFA. DRUDE ASKED WHETHER SOMEONE FROM THE EMBASSY WOULD ACCOMPANY THE GROUP IN EAST BERLIN AND WAS TOLD FINAL ARRANGEMENTS HAD NOT YET BEEN MADE.

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4. DRUDE SAID THE GDR WOULD BE WILLING TO PROVIDE A BUS AND MEET THE GROUP ANYWHERE IN EAST BERLIN AT 13:00. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT EMBASSY WOULD INQUIRE WHETHER THE GROUP PLANNED TO MAKE ITS OWN BUS ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH WEST BERLIN. DRUDE ALSO ASKED FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF GERMAN MARSHALL FUND PARTICIPANTS.

5. COMMENT: WHILE THE GDR THUS APPEARS FORTHCOMING IN
ARRANGING FOR THE EAST BERLIN TOUR, THERE IS A POSSI-
BILITY THAT THE GDR WILL PUBLICIZE THE VISIT, PERHAPS
MAKING IT SEEM MORE OFFICIAL THAN IT ACTUALLY IS. THIS
WOULD GIVE THE GDR AN UNFORTUNATE OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY
UP A SEEMING CASE OF DE FACTO US ACCEPTANCE OF EAST BERLIN
AS CAPITAL OF THE GDR. DEPT. MAY THEREFORE WISH TO DISCUSS
THIS ASPECT OF GROUP'S TOUR WITH LIVINGSTON WITH AIM
OF MAKING PARTICIPANTS AWARE OF USG POSITION ON THE STATUS.
OF BERLIN. WE WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION FROM THE GERMAN
MARSHALL FUND IN RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONS RAISED BY DRUDE.
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